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Sir:

Please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 1, lines 12-22, please delete the paragraph and replace with the following
paragraph:

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U.S. Patent 3,028,058 discloses a manikin with truncated legs, swiveling arms, and a detachable head. In manikins with removable parts, at least one leg is often made to be removable, arms are removable, and the torso may be made in two parts. Hands may also be detachable. Bayonet attachments are common means for attaching detachable limbs to forms, wherein a projection on the limb must be inserted into an appropriately shaped hole in the form, and turned for locking into place. U.S. Patent 2,595,485 describes a fastener of this type, as does U.S. Patent 2,081,071. There are numerous drawbacks to this method. The operation of attaching the removable piece must usually be performed blind, i.e. under the clothing. Often, once the removable piece is locked into position, it cannot be changed so as to place the limbs in various expressive attitudes. Further, if the limb is bumped, it may be easily broken, or the entire form knocked over and damaged.

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